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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement to Reply Brief

The reply brief filed on 1/11/2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The examiner would like to make following comments in response to the Reply Brief:

A: Grounds for rejection: To the best of the examiner's knowledge he has maintained the previously presented grounds for rejection.

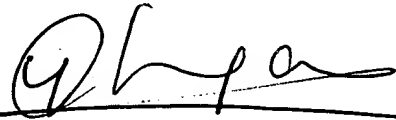
B. Objection to Grouping of claims: The examiner has noted the applicant's arguments. In response, the examiner has provided a detailed reasoning for sustaining the rejection of the broadest claim 37 and with regards to rejection of claims 38, 42, 43, 47, 48, would like to refer to the grounds submitted in the Final action and reproduced in the Examiner's Answer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh C. Garg whose telephone number is 571-272-6756. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(8:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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